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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT TITO

REF: STATE 184567

1. IN AUG 9TH MEETING WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY MINIC, I
DELIVERED PRESIDENT'S LETTER AND BRIEFLY RELATED ITS
CONTENT. MINIC WELCOMED RENEWAL OF PRACTICE OF EXCHANGING
VIEWS DIRECTLY BETWEEN TWO PRESIDENTS, WHICH HE SAID HAD
BEEN VERY USEFUL IN PAST. HE NOTED PRESIDENT TITO WOULD
NO DOUBT RECEIVE LETTER WITH SATISFACTION AND RESPOND
AFTER CAREFUL STUDY. FACT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD COMMUNICATED
U.S. VIEWS ON EVE OF PRESIDENT TITO'S TRIP WOULD HELP MUTUAL
UNDERSTANDING AND WAS WELCOME.

2. I RESPONDED BY CONCURRING IN HOPE THIS LETTER CAN BEGIN
PROCESS OF DIRECT COMMUNICATION BETWEEN TWO PRESIDENTS AND
STRESSED WE LOOKED FORWARD TO PRESIDENT TITO'S OBSERVA-
TIONS FOLLOWING HIS TROP.

3. MINIC EXPRESSED IMMEDIATE AND KEEN INTEREST IN
OUTCOME OF SECRETARY VANCE'S MIDDLE EAST TRIP AND
THE U.S. VIEWS ON PRESENT DEVELOPMENTS IN HORN.
(ON MIDDLE EAST HE SAID LATEST YUGOSLAV INFORMATION
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AT END OF DIPLOMATIC PROCESS, AND ON HORN HE OPINED
ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT FMIGH BE MORE RECEPTIVE TO AMY
U.S. INDICATIONS OF DESIRE FOR GOOD RELATIONS THAN IN
PAST.) I WOULD LIKE TO PROVIDE HIM WHATEVER WE CAN
ON THESE TWO SUBJECTS ASAP. AS GENERAL RULE BELIEVE
ONE OF OUR BEST MEANS TO INFLUENCE GOY IS TO KEEP THEM

REGULARLY INFORMED OF OUR VIEWS. PRESIDENT CARTER'S
LETTER AN EXCELLENT INITIATIVE IN THIS REGARD. STRONGLY
URGE DEPARTMENT TO MAINTAIN THIS COMMUNICATION BOTH AT
HIGHEST AND AT EMBASSY LEVEL. WE WOULD APPRECIATE
RECEIVING PERIODIC BRIEFS ON MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS WHICH WE
CAN PROVIDE MINIC AND OTHERS IN GOY.
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